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Special Advertisements.

This compulsory State schooling, we find, in the recent notice of the late Professor Huxton in the *Times*, has been a failure in England, that his mother taught her four children for ten years without holidays on Saturday, or any vacation. Christmas Day and Good Friday were whole holidays, and birthdays were half-holidays, but the children were still at school, and had plenty of play after their five or six hours of study. The long school holidays in England Public schools were connected with ecclesiastical festivals, and became extended as the fashion for a school. The holidays were not the fashion for private schools, both for boys and girls. At some of these old schools there are more than three months' holidays; besides whole Saturdays, public holidays, half-holidays, and many holidays, many of which are not for teaching, and are an important percentage who visit a school, while he is full of prizes of the products of it, winds up with seeing of it.

In Fausset's chapter on the "Early Life of Christ," in the *Novum Testamentum*, he remarks that though his letters from Annas to his family are long and minute, there is no mention of holidays, though holidays no doubt there were. Early's contemporaries in Lower Galilee, and Judaea, and Syria, and Egypt, in boarding schools might take holidays, the teachers might go, like Tennyson's brood,

the day on which he or she entered the school, and the scholars might take a holiday every week or so, and go home to do their school work on without interruption, except as they might accommodate each other by taking additional duty days. In some cases, the scholars of The Parish School, which corresponded with State schools, had one holiday in the year—Handed Monday (the first Monday in the year, Old Style), and four weeks' vacation at the end of the year, when no school was needed. It was always difficult to collect the children after this broken quarter, for which the parents would have had to pay the full term's tuition. In some cases, however, it was not till after the potato harvest was gathered in that the winter was made. Education was not then supplementary in Scotland; it was a necessary part of the life of all parents, however poor, and their children to school in the winter half-year. During the summer half-year, all who could sent the more able boys kept at school, and the remainder were kept at home to do the work. The money was not paid till the price of a pair of shoes and end of the winter's schooling.

In New England, also, the Puritan element did away with all the old elements of the school. The American scholars were

the 4th of July, noisy with equine and creature. The civil war has added a day of commemoration for the soldiers who fell.

With regard to school boys, there was too much holidaying in the States all over the world. The New England boy was as glad of his winter schooling as the Scotch peasant. He was glad to exchange field work and farm labors for the school benches, and with girls and boys of his own age, and glorious play at Indians and settlers during recess. But in Scotland the school was open in the summer months, and the boy was often absent from school for three months, and taught by a college student in his long vacation. The compulsory law of Massachusetts (the only one in the States) required that children up to thirteen being at school for three months in the year. Mr. C. T. Wadsworth, in his delightful book "The Boy in the Street," tells us that he worked. It had the effect certainly of making school name of a paradise than a purgatory. There is no question that compulsory education is a great benefit to the children of the State. The day's work in the shops by being projected from over-work, and kept in schoolrooms which are gener-

of poor English children crying in the schoolyard, and the fact that the school was to plan to play in. Dr. Joseph Cox says that under the supply and demand principle of American education, there are no teachers in the country who are growing up without any teaching at all. Each township—by township is meant a district in America—is bound to provide a school for its children, and to employ competent teachers, and parents and their children useful at home. In our own outlying settlements there is need of stringent adherence to the regulations. As in the case of the New England country, the children in this country in working-class families is expected to be useful all day, driving horses or minding sheep, and when he comes home, probably he has to do some of the housework, such as chores, to chop wood, fetch water, and feed animals, because a boy's time is of no value. In our State schools the holidays are more or less the same as in the New England country, to which latter holidays do not mean rest. For advanced education, when there is a hard grind to pass examinations, the student must study hard, and the school must have teachers and taught and generally in circumstances to afford rest on a thorough change of

and in the summer time especially in this climate is very exhausting to the nervous system and the brain. I am glad to hear who hail the Christmas holidays more thankfully than the conscientious teacher.

It is appalling that outrages like that to have been perpetrated in Mazatlán about once at any time; and additional horror seems to attach to the occurrence at such a time as Christmas Eve, and that the victims were of the very class likely to be most ready to forgive and pardon. It is inhuman to see that crimes of this nature should be committed without fear. If this community is not worse than all others, an element of its population is certainly more lawless than the average. Owns belongs to a class. Unfortunately, there are too many like her. The police surely apprehend that there are too many more like her in the town. From those, in the course of time, there are formed the characters of which the Mazatlán police are so constantly complaining. No home, no friends, no place was wasted between the goal and such places of resort as the city of Mazatlán. The city is full of vice, as no respect any one—worried to death by routines. Unhappily, any life has developed a few good characters, but they are so profoundly ignorant and uneducated to self-control any kind. In their mutual inter-

What is almost as remarkable is that no one cares to interfere with these lapsed and dangerous classes. Cases like these leave hardly any hope. There is nothing left of good feeling or conscience that can be called into kindly association. Vagrant women have a right to be free, and they use it, or their safety might be effected by placing them in

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